



State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
**2011 LAKE PILLSBURY TULE ELK HUNT**  
**[www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)**



Congratulations on receiving a Lake Pillsbury Tule Elk tag! This hunt was new in 2010.

Elk within this hunt area occur on private and public property, with moderate access to public ground. The private lands within the hunt area boundary are open to elk hunting only with the **written permission** of the land owner. Your elk tag does not give you the authority to enter private property nor is it valid on Private Land Management (PLM) areas that currently harvest elk. Visit the website address below for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address).

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk/tule/hunts.html>

Some elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars to provide us with important management information. In the event that you take a collared elk, please contact either Mr. Joe Hobbs at (916) 445-9992 or Mr. Josh Bush at (916) 374-9137 immediately so we can make arrangements to get the collar. To prevent loss of data, it is important to contact us as soon as possible.

The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number (from the 2011-2012 license year). Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year.

**Please remember that all hunters MUST return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season REGARDLESS of whether an elk was taken.**

**Care of Meat:** Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. It is critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Be prepared to remove all portions of a harvested animal in a timely fashion to prevent wanton waste, violators will be cited.

The weather during the hunt can be unpredictable. Fire danger may be extreme, call ahead to the Forest Service for the latest on information on area closures and campground information.

**Maps:** USFS maps are available locally at most USFS offices; by contacting the USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Office at: 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 (707-562-8737); or ordered by phone (406-329-3024), fax (406-329-3030), mail at USDA Forest Service, National Forest Store, P.O Box 8268, Missoula, MT 59807, or on-line at <http://www.nationalforeststore.com/> . Mendocino National Forest maps provide general information regarding the location of public lands and roads within the hunt area. District transportation maps are also available for a fee. These maps depict many roads not identified on the general National Forest map.

Forest Service maps (for a fee) and area information may be available at the Forest Service Office in Upper Lake (10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, California 95485, (707) 275-2361) and in Willows (Mendocino National Forest 825 N. Humboldt Ave. Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-3316). Topography maps are also available at outdoor shops or can be ordered on line at the U.S. Geological Service website at [http://topomaps.usgs.gov/ordering\\_maps.html](http://topomaps.usgs.gov/ordering_maps.html).

**Outfitters and Guides:** Outfitters and guides offer a variety of services for elk hunters interested in hunting. Many have limited space so be sure to contact them as soon as possible to reserve their services. A list of outfitters and guides permitted by the US Forest Service within the hunt area is available from the Mendocino National Forest. It is your responsibility to verify any guides you retain have a current guide license issued by the Department of Fish and Game. If you plan to hunt on the US Forest Service property your guides will also need to be permitted with the US Forest Service. Failure to verify the proper licenses required may result in a citation to both the hunter and guide.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt, please contact Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!